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SUMMARY: THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE RESCUE OPERATION IN UGANDA WILL BE VIEWED IN ISRAEL FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ITS WELL-ESTABLISHED DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE UN AND ITS SECRETARY GENERAL AND OF UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE POSITION OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES. ISRAELIS FEEL THEIR ACTION WAS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED AND SHOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE WEST. THERE IS CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT THE REMAINING HOSTAGE IN KAMPALA. END SUMMARY.

1. AS THE SECURITY COUNCIL MOVES TO DEBATE ISRAEL'S DRAMATIC RESCUE OF THE HIJACKED HOSTAGES, THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT HERE THAT ISRAEL'S POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW IS CORRECT BUT THAT IT WILL BE OF LITTLE HELP TO IT IN THE DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. ISRAELIS ARE ANGRY BUT NOT SURPRISED BY THE SHARPNESS OF THE ATTACKS AGAINST THEM BY THIRD WORLD NATIONS. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED IN THE VIRULENCE OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY'S STATEMENT, VIEWING HIS SHARP REACTION AS ANOTHER VIOLATION OF EGYPTIAN COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN IN SINAI II TO DECREASE THE LEVEL OF POLITICAL WARFARE TOWARD ISRAEL. THERE IS ALSO WIDESPREAD ANGER WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM FOR WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS HIS LACK OF OBJECTIVITY AND BALANCE. CONTINUING ISRAELI DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE UN WAS REFLECTED IN A SHARP EDITORIAL THIS WEEK WHICH STATED THAT THE PRESENT UN AND ITS SECRETARY GENERAL DESERVE ONE ANOTHER.

2. WHILE ISRAEL EXPECTS US VETO OF ANY RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ACTION THERE IS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE POSITIONS OF OTHER WESTERN SC MEMBERS. THERE IS PARTICULAR UNCERTAINTY AND SUSPICION ABOUT FRANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION MOST ISRAELIS PERCEIVE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH THEY SEE AS SUPPORTING THE ISRAELI ACTION, AND STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE.

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3. ISRAELI LEADERS HAVE CONTINUED THIS WEEK TO EXPLAIN THE PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDED THEM IN THEIR DECISION. SHLOMO AVINERI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID IN A SPEECH ON JULY 6 AT HAIFA THAT "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH TODAY IN THE SAME FASHION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEALT WITH HIGH SEAS PIRACY AND

SLAVE TRADE". HE ARGUED THAT HUMAN LIBERTY AND ACTIONS TO SUPPORT IT SUPERCEDE CONSIDERATIONS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 8 CHIEF OF STAFF MORDECHAI GUR REVEALED FURTHER DETAILS OF THE OPERATION, PARTLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR KENYA OF CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN THE ACTION. HE SAID THAT ISRAELI PLANES LANDED AT NAIROBI AIRPORT ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM UGANDA AS AN EMERGENCY ACTION AND WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM KENYAN AUTHORITIES.

4. THERE IS CONTINUING WIDESPREAD EXPECTATION THAT TERRORISTS WILL ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT SOME RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AIRPORT AND BORDER SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN REINFORCED BUT ISRAELIS ARE AWARE THAT IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEAL THE COUNTRY HERMETICALLY FROM TERRORIST INCURSIONS AND THAT PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT ISRAELI CITIZENS AND PROPERTY ABROAD ARE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN TURN ENFORCE A CONCERN IN SOME QUARTERS THAT A "TERRORIST SPECTACULAR" MAY BE IN THE OFFING SOON.

5. THERE IS ALSO WIDESPREAD CONCERN ABOUT THE WELFARE OF HOSTAGE MRS. DORA BLOCH. THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL MEDIA DISSEMINATED REPORTS THAT SHE HAS ALREADY BEEN MURDERED; IF THIS PROVES CORRECT, OR IF HER DISSAPPEARANCE REMAINS UNRESOLVED, ISRAELIS WILL SEE THIS AS FINAL PROOF OF AMIN'S INHUMANITY. IT IS REPORTED THAT ISRAEL WILL RAISE HER CASE DURING THE SC DEBATE. (AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MRS. BLOCH IS THE MOTHER OF DAVAR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT DANNY BLOCH, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE ISRAELI PRESS ASSOCIATION AND IS PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES ON AN IV TRAVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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